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GOVERNOR MUSGROVE AWARDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS TO SUNFLOWER COUNTY

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$650,000 awarded to Sunflower County.

"Mississippi has a number of advantages and a wealth of resources to offer business and industry. The state gladly supports the efforts of communities striving to promote those resources to attract jobs and a higher quality of life for our citizens," commented Governor Musgrove.

The funds, received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will be utilized for public facilities improvements on behalf of INDI-BEL, Inc.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Among the division's goals are assisting communities in analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, involving their leadership in economic development, planning development strategies, strengthening development organizations, and implementing and financing community projects. The Community Services Division also administers other Economic Development grant and loan programs.

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